



**The address of His Highness the Prime Minister before Round Table
2 on Education and Health at the High – Level Meeting on MDG's**

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**EXCELLENCIES,
Head of State and Government
Ladies and Gentlemen:**

At the outset, I would like to welcome you to the High-Level event to discuss the Millennium Development Goals. I am also very pleased to co-chair this round table assigned for the goals of education and health, with his Excellency, President Danilo Turk of Slovenia.

The convening of this important event , is tantamount to a pose in the middle of the road , to review what was achieved during the past eight years since the Millennium Summit in 2000 , and what we definitely must do to achieve these goals by 2015 , particularly , in the fields of education and health , and what are the urgent measure that must be taken during this critical following phase.

What was mentioned in the report of the Secretary General , which was prepared specially for this event , particularly the section on Education and Health , about this disparity in elementary education between girls and boys , and the poor quality of education in numerous developing countries , in addition to the inability to reduce the mortality rate among mothers due to complications during pregnancy and delivery , malnutrition and the lack of adequate good basic health care , should make as all much more determined to confront these imminent dangers humanity.

In this context, the State of Kuwait was able to achieve some of MDG's in the fields of education and health years before the 2015 target.

These achievements are represented by making elementary education accessible to all, reducing the rate of infant mortality and improve maternity health, as well as, combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and infectious diseases.

In this field , we cannot fail to mention the contributions of the Kuwait Fund for Economic and Social Development , which totaled 12 billion dollars in over a hundred countries in all sectors , such as education , health and infrastructure , since its establishment in the early sixties of the past century.

Thank You